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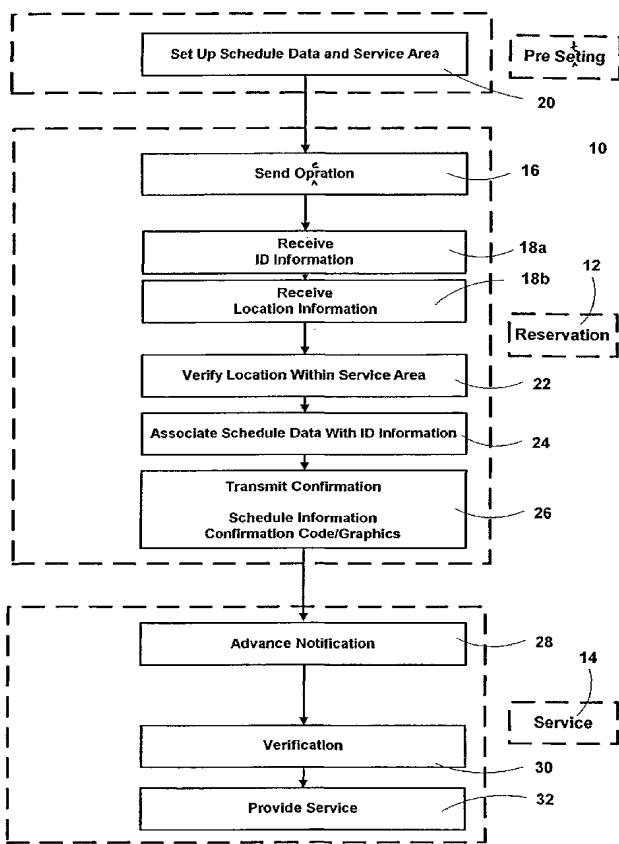
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(54) Title: METHOD FOR MANAGING WAITING LINE



(57) Abstract: A method for registering customers in a waiting line in order to receive a service includes maintaining a database of registration records each containing identification information and corresponding line management information relating to scheduling for providing the service to a customer. A request for registration in the waiting line is then received for an additional customer. The request is sent from a non-dedicated mobile communications unit via a wireless communications network, and is associated with corresponding identification information. The additional customer is registered in the waiting line by associating with the corresponding identification information at least one item of corresponding line management information relating to scheduling for providing the services to the additional customer, the corresponding identification information and the corresponding line management information being represented by an additional registration record added to the database. A confirmation message is then transmitted to the non-dedicated mobile communications unit via the wireless communication network (1).

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